(d) The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

§ 700.304 Recommendations to Congress.

After first informing the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy may make such recommendations to Congress relating to the Department of Defense as he or she considers appropriate.

§ 700.305 Assignment of functions.

The Secretary of the Navy may assign such functions, powers, and duties as he or she considers appropriate to the Under Secretary of the Navy and to the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy. Officers of the Navy and the Marine Corps shall, as directed by the Secretary, report on any matter to the Secretary, the Under Secretary or any Assistant Secretary.

§ 700.306 Assignment of duty and titles.

The Secretary of the Navy may:

- (a) Assign, detail and prescribe the duties of members of the Navy and Marine Corps and civilian personnel of the Department of the Navy; and
- (b) Change the title of any officer or activity of the Department of the Navy not prescribed by law.

§ 700.307 Powers with respect to the Coast Guard.

Whenever the Coast Guard operates as a service in the Navy under Section 3 of Title 14, United States Code, the Secretary of the Navy has the same powers and duties with respect to the Coast Guard as the Secretary of Transportation has when the Coast Guard is not so operating.

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

§ 700.310 Composition.

The function of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy is to assist the Secretary in carrying out his or her responsibilities. The Office of the Secretary of the Navy is composed of the following:

- (a) The Civilian Executive Assistants:
 - (1) The Under Secretary of the Navy;

- (2) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management);
- (3) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs);
- (4) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition);
- (5) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); and
- (6) The General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.
 - (b) The Staff Assistants:
- (1) The Judge Advocate General of the Navv:
 - (2) The Naval Inspector General;
 - (3) The Chief of Naval Research;
 - (4) The Chief of Information:
- (5) The Chief of Legislative Affairs;
- (6) The Auditor General of the Navy;
- (7) The Director, Office of Program Appraisal; and
- (8) Such other officers and officials as may be established by law or as the Secretary of the Navy may establish or designate.

§ 700.311 Sole responsibilities.

- (a) The Office of the Secretary of the Navy shall have sole responsibility within the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Headquarters, Marine Corps, for the following functions:
 - (1) Acquisition;
 - (2) Auditing;
- (3) Comptroller (including financial management);
 - (4) Information management;
 - (5) Inspector general;
 - (6) Legislative affairs;
 - (7) Public affairs;
- (8) Research and development, except for military requirements and operational test and evaluation, which are the responsibilities of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Headquarters Marine Corps.
- (b) The following offices within the Office of the Secretary of the Navy are designated to conduct the functions specified in paragraph (a) of this section. No office or other entity may be established or designated within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations or the Headquarters, Marine Corps, to conduct any of the functions specified in paragraph (a) of this section, except

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as noted in paragraph (a)(8) of this section.

- (1) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) is the Acquisition Executive for the Department of the Navy. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) (ASN(RD&A)) is responsible for research, development and acquisition, except for military requirements and operational test and evaluation, which remain functions of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Headquarters Marine Corps. In addition to Acquisition Executive, ASN(RD&A) is also the Navy Senior Procurement Executive and Senior Department of the Navy Information Resource Management Official. Responsibilities include developing acquisition policy and procedures for all Department of the Navy research, development, production, shipbuilding and production/logistics support programs; and Department of the Navy international technology transfer.
- (2) The Auditor General is responsible for the internal auditing function within the Department of the Navy.
- (3) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management) is responsible for comptrollership, including financial management, within the Department of the Navy.
- (4) The Naval Inspector General is responsible for the inspector general function within the Department of the Navy
- (5) The Chief of Legislative Affairs is responsible for legislative affairs within the Department of the Navy.
- (6) The Chief of Information is responsible for public affairs within the Department of the Navy.
 - (c) The Secretary shall:
- (1) Prescribe the relationship of each office or other entity established or designated under paragraph (b) of this section:
- (i) To the Chief of Naval Operations and the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations: and
- (ii) To the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Headquarters, Marine Corps; and
- (2) Ensure that each such office or entity provides the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the

Marine Corps such staff support as the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps consider necessary to perform their respective duties and responsibilities.

(d) The vesting in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy of the responsibility for the conduct of a function specified in paragraph (a) of this section does not preclude other elements of the Department of the Navy (including the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Headquarters, Marine Corps) from providing advice or assistance to the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, or otherwise participating in that function within the executive part of the Department under the direction of the office assigned responsibility for that function in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy.

§ 700.312 Authority over organizational matters.

Subject to the approval or guidance of the Secretary of the Navy, the Civilian Executive Assistants, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Staff Assistants are individually authorized to organize, assign and reassign responsibilities within their respective commands or offices, including the establishment and disestablishment of such component organizations as may be necessary, subject to the following:

- (a) The authority to disestablish may not be exercised with respect to any organizational component of the Department established by law.
- (b) The Secretary retains the authority to approve the establishment and disestablishment of shore activities.

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY/THE CIVILIAN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS

§ 700.320 The Civilian Executive Assistants.

- (a) The Civilian Executive Assistants, as identified in §700.310, are assigned department-wide responsibilities essential to the efficient administration of the Department of the Navy.
- (b) Each Civilian Executive Assistants, within his or her assigned area of responsibility, is the principal civilian